

BEN TILLMAN.

For The Colored American.

Hi, Mr. Ben ob "Pitch-fork" fame!
Dey say dat Tillman is yo' name.
Jes' stop now in yo' mad 'career',
An' some truf from dis Nigger hear!

Is it a fak dat you does come
From de state dat Haynes once called
home?
South Carolina ebber since birth
Sent men to Congress of great worth:

Its hard to b'irbe, but I guess true,
De state went crazy an' sent you
Kase from yo' acts an' foolish tork
Your right work is to use de "Fork."
You "Pitch," rear, toss, cuss an' wrangle,
English you does awful mangle,
Wid no thought nor idea bigger
Dan to crush an' cuss de "Nigger."

When a spirit to make you does try,
You alius makes yo'elf to lie;
Now you seys to "suffrage pure,"
De "Nigger" is a "menaer sure."

Den seys "Purists" stuff de boxes
Which prubes dem, de impure foxes.
Den wid "Pitch fork" elerquence gran'
You 'gin jobs at de "Nigger" man.

Sez, den you "Bulldoze," shoot an' main
An' den declares, you "Aint ashame!"
'Pears like you is some kind ob beast,
Sens "mens woe" seems to you a feast.

Den you sez wes' bought an' sole;
Ebber sens you, our fathers stole
Our habits, life an' form of thought
Hab been to us, by your untaught.

To South Car'linian libin, slain,
Yo record is on dem, a stain,
Yo folks, it bad as you's painted
Will go to hell dough dey's sainted.

For de Lawd will not make him whole
Who kills ambition in a soul
For sure, if you say, de state
Is agonizin soon an' late.

Thinkin' no means of of too great pain
To place de "Nigger" back again
In bondage of a wussor kind,
An' take all manhood from his mind.

Sure, dere kin be no odder doom
Dan dat, wen deys comes to de tomb—
But "Pitch" yo "Fork," "Till-man's"
no more
An' dip yo' hand's in "Nigger" gore.

Yo' ain gwine stop de ocean's tide
Nor yet de "Nigger's" progress hide!
Regardless of yo' assertions,
If yo' cusses an' aspersions.

De "Nigger who you now despise
Has got his face turned to de skies;
An' will not stop his onward way,
Dough "All Hell jug and bid him stay."

All dose rules an' laws you'se makin'
Which the de "Niggers" rights is takin'
De sham' justice, de legal wrong,
Defeats its purpose, makes him strong.

For, as Hannibal climbed de heights,
Or de stars shine out ob nights,
So will he hold his course stead fast,
Through evils dark shine out at last.

RICHARD E. TOOMEY.

Merit Rewarded.

The St. Luke's choir showed its deep appreciation of Mr. Thomas Johnson's long and faithful services to that organization by a most graceful testimonial in the shape of an elegant pair of gold cuff buttons and an ice cream reception last Monday evening. Miss Virgie Ross made the presentation to which Mr. Johnson responded most feelingly. Those present were: Mesdames Eugene Brooks, Lueretia Kelly, Augusta Braxton, Hudson, Misses Virgie Ross, Flossie Murray, Nettie Murray, Viola Collier, Mattie Reynolds, Louise McKinney, Daisy Coston, Martha Cromwell, Bessie Kelley, Jennie Kelley, Guida Shepherd, Emly Harper, Marion Wheeler, Helen Jones, Emma Smith, Louise Smith, Messrs. C. Harley, Richard Middleton, Harry Lewis, John Norwood, Joseph Murray, William Evans, Hassie Miller, John Washington, Bert Brown, William Reed, Milton Chisolm, Augustus Rucker, Ed-

ward Ridgely, Julian Quarles, Charles Hemans, George Hopson, Walter Walker, Pemberton Cox, James Waters, Ulysses Houston and Capt. William Howard.

Miss Ida Wiedeman, of Chicago, is visiting relatives in this city.

Mrs. Helen Chapman died on the 4th of March. She leaves two sisters and two very young children to mourn their loss.

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